

REMARKS

I. Status Of The Claims

Claims 41, 44, and 60-80 are pending in this application.

Claims 41, 44, 60-76, 79, and 80 are allowed.

Claims 77 and 78 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yoshida (U.S. Patent No. 5,016,093).

With this Amendment, claims 77 and 78 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

II. Cancellation of Claims 77 and 78

With this response, Applicants cancel claims 77 and 78 without prejudice or disclaimer.

In light of this response, Applicants respectfully request that this application be passed to issue.

III. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that this Application is in condition for allowance for which action is earnestly solicited.

If a telephone conference would facilitate prosecution of this Application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

IV. Authorization

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required

for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4393US1. **A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.**

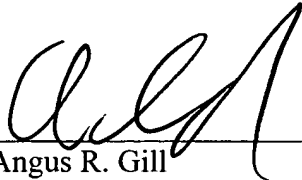
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Respectfully submitted,

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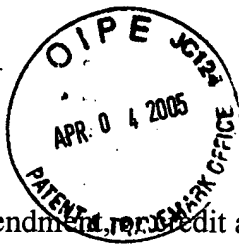
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